



Centennial Year
1852-1952



Centennial Announcement

The formal announcement of St. Michael's Centennial that took the place of the April issue of the Blue Banner was the fruit of six months work on the part of the Centennial Committee, composed of Father Shook, Chairman; Fathers Regan, Lavery, Scollard and Mallon. Father Shook undertook the writing of the text, Father Scollard the oversight of the printing, and Father Mallon the preparation of the mailing list.

Mr. A. Scott Carter, the heraldic artist who designed the coat of arms over the main entrance of Brennan Hall, was commissioned to prepare a coat of arms in colour for reproduction. Because he was now using a different medium, paper instead of stone, he introduced changes in the style of lettering, but the arms and the text of the motto remain the same.

As the work progressed the Committee held meetings to approve the text, the layout and the style of the announcement. By the end of April, with the generous help of Basilian priests and scholastics and students, 6,400 copies had been mailed out.

On the mailing list were members of the Hierarchy; Colleges and Schools in Canada, the United States, and other countries; friends and benefactors of the College; Alumni and Old Boys; and the parents of all students enrolled during 1951-1952 in both the College and the College School.

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HONORARY DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED ON ST. MICHAEL'S MEN

In observance of the Centennial of St. Michael's College, the University of Toronto will confer the honorary degree of L.L.D., on five distinguished St. Michael's men: Most Rev. M. C. O'Neill, D.D.; Rev. Gerald B. Phelan, M.A., Ph.D.; Hon. Charles P. McTague, Hon. Paul Martin, and Mr. T. D'Arcy Leonard.

The Special Convocation will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, at 3:30 p.m.

His Grace, the Most Rev. Michael C. O'Neill, D.D., O.B.E., M.M., graduate of St. Michael's of 1924, is well known to the Old Boys. Some few months after his consecration as Archbishop of Regina in April, 1948, he graciously consented to come to the Reunion in August as the guest speaker. In introducing him on that occasion Very Rev. Father McCorkell recalled the young veteran of the First World War who came to college and so impressed everyone by his character and ability that he was awarded the Moss Scholarship, which meant that in the judgment of the staff of the University he was the most capable student in the whole University.

In those years "Mike" O'Neill was President of his class, of the Literary Club, a member of the football team, and the Year Book of 1924 predicted that he would be a bishop.

After studies at St. Augustine's Seminary he was ordained in December, 1927, and joined the staff of St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton, of which he was Rector from 1930 until 1939 when he went overseas as chaplain of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

As in the First World War when as a soldier he won the Military Medal, Father O'Neill distinguished himself in World War II, being suc-



cessively Senior Chaplain of the First Division, chaplain of the First Corps, and Senior Catholic Chaplain Overseas with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. On his return to Canada in 1945 he was made Principal Catholic Chaplain and was honoured by the King with the military award of the Order of the British Empire.

In November, 1947, he was chosen by the Holy Father for the See of Regina. On April 14, 1948, he was consecrated Archbishop in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Edmonton, by His Eminence Cardinal McHugh, his illustrious predecessor in the See of Regina.

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NO BANNER IN APRIL

In case some are wondering why they did not receive a copy of the BLUE BANNER in April they are informed that publication was suspended that month.

The facilities of the Old Boys' office were taxed in sending out the Announcement of the Centennial.

THANKS FOR ADDRESSES

In the last two months we have located hundreds of former students. Lists were sent out to various localities and the returns were very gratifying.

We wish to thank the following to whom lists were sent and who enabled us to correct and increase our mailing list: Rt. Rev. J. V. McAnley, Lindsay; Father E. E. Bunyan, Fort William; Father M. J. Oliver, C.S.B., Owen Sound; Father Paul Mallon, C.S.B., Saskatchewan; Father Frank Mallon, C.S.B., Windsor; Father Ed. Lawlor, Hamilton; Judge M. T. Mulligan, Port Arthur; Father M. A. Record, C.S.B., Montreal; Fred Anderson and Fred O'Brien, Hamilton; Tom Casey, North Bay; Father Greg Mallon, C.S.B., Alberta; Bill Roche, Peterboro; Father J. J. Garvey, Hastings; Father Bill Harding, Thorold; Father E. A. Welsh, Parry Sound; Dick Barrett, Belleville; Ray McCann, Pembroke; Tom Popp, Syracuse; Father John Moss, Ted Schmidt, Charlie Connolly, Rudy Nagel, Bob Baigent, Walter Glynn, Murray Baigent, and John Holland, Toronto.

Congratulations, John

John W. Griffin, high school and college graduate, and Vice-President of the first executive of the Old Boys' Association, was recently elected President of the Empire Club of Toronto.

MR. GEORGE A. McNAMARA

In the death on March 10 of Mr. George A. McNamara St. Michael's lost a great and good friend, and the Archdiocese of Toronto an outstanding Catholic layman.

One of the First Honorary Old Boys, Mr. McNamara was a benefactor of the Association since its beginning as he was of all activities at St. Michael's College and College School.

At the funeral in Holy Rosary Church His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan paid tribute to the Catholic faith, Christian character and the munificent charity of Mr. McNamara. The great business interests and success of Mr. McNamara did not distract him from attention to the duties of religion, His Eminence said. The Cardinal referred also to the exemplary family life of Mr. McNamara.

The Solemn Requiem Funeral Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. T. A. MacDonald, with Very Rev. E. J. McCorkell as deacon and Rev. V. I. McIntyre as subdeacon. His Eminence gave the Absolution.

Born in Penetanguishene in 1887 Mr. McNamara followed a successful career in amateur and professional hockey with a distinguished career in the First World War. He served in France with the 6th Canadian Railway Troops, attaining the rank of Major and being mentioned in despatches by Field Marshall Douglas Haig.

After the war, in partnership with his brother, the late Howard McNamara, he began a contracting business in Sault Ste. Marie. During the Second World War the McNamara Construction Company carried out some of the largest projects of defence for both the Canadian and United States governments. Similar great constructions were carried through in the post-war period.

To Mrs. McNamara, and to George, Paul, First President of the Association, and Bill, and to Mrs. Joseph LaBine, the Old Boys extend deepest sympathy in the death of Mr. McNamara.

St. Michael's has suffered a great loss in his passing.

R. I. P.

OLDEST ALUMNUS DIES FATHER GREGORY FERE, S.J., '76 - '78

On February 29th, at Campion College, Regina, Father Gregory Fere, S.J., died at the age of 85. He was our oldest alumnus, having been a student here when St. Michael's observed her 25th anniversary in 1877.

Born in Ste. Eustache, P.Q., in 1866, Father Fere was a doctor before he became a priest. After his years at St. Michael's he entered the School of Medicine at the University of Toronto from which he graduated as a Gold Medalist.

After practising medicine for a few years he entered the Society of Jesus in 1892 and was ordained in Montreal in 1906. He would have observed this summer his sixtieth year as a Jesuit.

Besides teaching for 25 years, Father Fere filled many offices in Jesuit schools and colleges, being at one period Rector of St. Boniface College. From 1927 to 1942 he was chaplain at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

For the last ten years Father Fere had been at Campion College, still active as Spiritual Father and Librarian.

R. I. P.

ARTHUR SHYNE, '27-'30 DIES IN CHESTER, PA.

The Old Boys were grieved to learn of the death in February of Arthur Shyne in Chester, Pa. The Blue Banner was inquiring about him in the last two issues.

Art is well remembered by the Old Boys of 1927 to 1930 for he was a popular member of the Students' Council for two years along with Ted and Jack Schmidt, Eugene and Charlie Henry, Frank Pujolas, Father Bernard Belanger, Ed. Convey, Johnny Ryan and Fred Doyle. Art was also a member of the High School football team and leader of the Boarders' baseball teams.

After leaving St. Michael's, Art attended school in Miami until his parents moved to Chester when he attended Villanova University from which he graduated. Of late years he had been in business with his father. He had been suffering from a heart condition for the past three years.

The sympathy of the Old Boys is extended to Art's father, Mr. M. W. Shyne, who survives.

R. I. P.

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HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED

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Father Gerald B. Phelan

Father Phelan has had a long and intimate association with St. Michael's. After receiving his B.A. and M.A. from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, and his Ph.D. and Agrege de Philosophie at Louvain, he came to St. Michael's where for more than twenty years he lectured in Philosophy.

Dr. Phelan was Director of Studies of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies from its beginning in 1929, and was President from 1937 until 1946. Since 1946 he has been President of the Medieval Institute at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Hon. Charles P. McTague

A graduate of St. Michael's of 1916 Mr. McTague is one of St. Michael's most distinguished alumni.

A winner of the "M" for football in 1912, his first year at St. Michael's, "Charlie" McTague was perennially a member of the Athletic Directorate, played and coached and managed football and hockey teams as well as teaching in the High School. The 1914 Year Book in recording a win of the First Baseball team has it that "The main factors in St. Michael's victory were O'Flaherty, Nealon (Father M. J. Nealon, pastor of St. Brigid's Parish, Toronto), and McTague."

A soldier in World War I, and a graduate of Osgoode Hall, Mr. McTague practised law in Windsor, has been Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, and of the Court of Appeals, and has filled numerous important appointments from both

the Dominion and Ontario governments, being chairman of the Labour Relations Board and of the Securities Commission. His sons, Jack and Bill McTague, are also Old Boys of St. Michael's.

Hon. Paul Martin

In the sphere of public service St. Michael's has had no more distinguished alumnus than the present Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Hon. Paul Martin, graduate of Honour Philosophy in 1925.

In college his interests were chiefly in oratory and debating, annually on the University teams, but extended to the Year Book staff on which Archbishop O'Neill was a colleague, and to athletics as Manager of the First Football teams.

The Year Book, as always, was prophetic for his graduating biography was headed by the quotation, "And listening senates hang upon his tongue."

Mr. T. D'Arcy Leonard

Mr. Leonard, graduate of the University of Toronto and of Osgoode Hall, President of the Canada Permanent Trust Company of Toronto, is a member of the Advisory Board of St. Michael's College.

Mr. Leonard was Chairman of the Cardinal's Campaign for Catholic High Schools in 1945. Generous in public service, Mr. Leonard has headed many government War Loans and Community Chest campaigns. His daughters, Miss Agatha and Miss Anne Leonard, are students at St. Michael's.

REV. DERMOTT CULLEN
ORDAINED

Another St. Michael's Old Boy was raised to the dignity of the priesthood on March 29th, by Most Rev. Martin M. Johnson, Bishop of Nelson, in Holy Family Church, Toronto.

A native of Holy Family Parish and son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cullen, Father Cullen was assisted at his First Solemn Mass on Sunday, March 30th, by his brothers, Father Ronald Cullen, C.S.B., of Assumption College, Windsor, and Father J. Leonard Cullen, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

The pastor of Holy Family, Rt. Rev. E. M. Brennan, P.A., V.G., preached the sermon.

To Father Dermott Cullen the Old Boys extend congratulations.

EXECUTIVE MEETING
REPORT

With Mr. Joe Primeau presiding the executive of the Old Boys' Association met on April 28th, 1952, and dealt with the following items of business:

\$4,000 to High School

1. A resolution was adopted to donate another installment of the Memorial Fund in the amount of \$4,000 to the High School, bringing the total turned over to \$19,000.

Senate Meeting on May 12

2. A resolution was adopted to convene the Senate, composed of former members of the executive, on Monday, May 12th, at 8 p.m. for a joint meeting in the Old Boys' Room at the College School.

Trophy Donated

3. A trophy to be known as the St. Michael's Old Boys' Association Trophy was donated to the Ontario Catholic Athletic Conference for competition in its annual Basketball Tournament.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOYS
IN THE NEWS

Prominent in the Detroit Red Wings' sweep of the N.H.L. play-offs were Benny Woit, Ted Lindsay and Red Kelly, the latter two again making the All-Star team.

Eddie Sandford and Fleming MacKell were the leaders in Boston's late season drive and were the stars of the play-offs.

Jim Thompson was a Toronto stalwart as usual and won a place on the second all-star team.

Former St. Michael's Majors were well represented on the Pittsburgh team, champions of the American Hockey League: Ray and Gord Hannigan, Rudy Migay, Johnny McLellan, Tim Horton and Frank Sullivan.

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St. Patrick's Day was an appropriate day for two of the "Irish" to meet in Korea. A newsy letter from Father Miller's Sgt. Jim Martin tells of the meeting and of the activities of his padre.

"I'll never forget the day Father Jack arrived at Seoul. It was the coldest day we had all winter and I met him (two hours late) with an open jeep to bring him to his new "home," Pyongtaek, Korea. You should have seen him trying to keep warm. He kept on trying his best to draw his head in like a turtle but he just couldn't do it.

"After the two hour ride over the washboard roads he became eligible for his second medal, the Korean Service medal with one cluster. The first one was the scapular which he is very sensitive about after being in the service five years. . . . In our office we have a pot-bellied stove and I thought for a moment he was going to sit on it but to him the good old sack looked much better.

"I have to hand it to him for he still has that fresh spirit of a newly ordained and has worked wonders with a number of fellows. . . . The first project was the building of a Blessed Sacrament Chapel. . . . Next on the agenda was the renovation of the main chapel. Silk back-drops and drapes were obtained from Japan. From the different supply rooms we scrounged enough paint to give the cement floor five good coats.

"Just about this time we had a breather and took a trip "downtown" to the local church and orphanage. From Father Whang, an ancient Korean priest with a few strands of hair a foot long hanging from his chin, we managed to borrow (sort of permanent like) a monstrance, cope and veil so that we could get the Lenten devotions started.

"Here I have to pause and tell you a little about "downtown", rather what is left of it. A short time previous to my arrival here

ST. MICHAEL'S IN KOREA



Father John Ruth Receives Father John Miller on March 17th.

from Pusan last May this area was the scene of a hard earned battle by our troops. All buildings were levelled and the hillsides and streets are spotted with damaged tanks. The people are living in makeshift shelters and mud huts which are typical of the present day living conditions here. Father Jack has been ministering to the faithful of Pyongtaek by saying Mass in the bombed out Mother of Mary Church on Sundays.

"On March 17th, the Feast of St. Pat's, Father was inspired by the press release from the BLUE BANNER on Father Ruth (thanks for the plug, Jim. Ed.), so-o-o-o—being in the state of grace I ventured to go with Father Jack up front and pay our respects to the combat

padre. Enclosed is a picture of the Fat-calfs, more-scosh (Korean language) Fat-cats, with their backs to the Commies. Both of them would have been good targets, especially with the big cross Father had painted on his helmet.

"When we got back everything was running smoothly when all of a sudden someone got the bright idea to move, lock, stock and barrel to the front. Now the blast of artillery will be lulling us off to sleep at night.

Crusoe had Friday.

St. Francis had Brother Juniper. Poor Father John has Sgt. Jim Martin.

Signed,

Jim Martin."

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Msgr. J. F. Dooley, '97-'99, Mingo Junction, Ohio; Father J. J. Traynor, '02-'08, Arthur, Ont.; Father J. F. McGuire, '16-'21, Peterborough, Ont.; George McEvenue, '41-44, London, Ont.; Father Louis Woods, '16-'21, Father Murray Allen, '30-'34, Gord Stinson, '39-'45, Jack Schmidt, '26-'30, Dick LaPrairie, '42-'49, Ed. McKay, '36-'41, Dr. John O'Hara, '35-'40; Michael O'Brien, '33-'38, William Doyle, '41-'46, Bob Baigent, '30-'35, Charlie Cerre, '26-'30, '51- , and Jim Thomson, '43-'45, Toronto.

Senate Meeting May 12

A joint meeting of the Old Boys' Executive and of the Senate has been called for Monday, May 12, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the Old Boys' Room at the College School, St. Clair Avenue and Bathurst Streets.

The business of the meeting will be chiefly concerned with plans for the Centennial Weekend, September 27-28-29, the feasibility of the proposed hockey game between a team of Old Boys who are in the N.H.L. and A.H.L. and a professional team, and an Old Boys' Night in June.

OLD BOYS' TROPHY

St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, was the first winner of the St. Michael's Old Boys' Trophy for competition in the O.C.A.C. Basketball Tournament.

Executive and Senate Meeting on May 12th, at 8 p.m. at St. Michael's College School.

